

SECTION R. WITHDRAWALS

1. Voluntary Withdrawal from the University

- a. According to the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog and OP 34.05, students who find it necessary to withdraw from the University during a semester or summer term must apply to the Office of the Registrar prior to the term withdrawal deadline. A student wishing to drop to zero hours must withdraw from the institution. If a student withdraws on the 13th class day or after, a W will be recorded for all classes that semester or term, and these W's will not be counted toward the six state-defined permitted drops. International students must receive clearance from the Office of International Affairs as a part of the withdrawal procedure. Student athletes must receive clearance from their Athletic Academic Advisor. Withdrawal and re-enrollment procedures vary for School of Law students. Students enrolled in the School of Law and seeking withdrawal information should contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Law for assistance.
- b. Students considering withdrawal for medical reasons may contact the Office of the Dean of Students to discuss additional University resources and services. Law students considering withdrawal for medical reasons may contact the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the School of Law.
- c. There may be financial implications to withdrawal. If a student receives financial aid or is living in TTU student housing, he/she should first contact those offices before applying for the withdrawal. If a registration hold exists on the student's record, it must be cleared before the withdrawal can be processed. To check your student record for registration holds, log on at www.raiderlink.ttu.edu and select the MyTech (for Students) tab. Law students considering withdrawal must contact the Senior Financial Aid Advisor at the School of Law.
- d. Refunds
The Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog indicate that students withdrawing to zero hours at their request or those who have been withdrawn due to University action may be eligible to receive a refund of paid tuition and fees. A tuition and fee refund schedule is listed in the Undergraduate and Graduate Catalog and at <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/registrar/>. School of Law students must contact the School of Law's Senior Financial Aid Advisor to discuss eligibility for refunds.
- e. Returning to the University after a Voluntary Withdrawal
Application materials and deadlines for former Texas Tech students are available at www.gototexastech.com. Official transcripts from all institutions attended subsequent to Texas Tech re-enrollment must be submitted by the application deadline. All returning students must have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA on work taken since leaving Texas Tech. Please visit the following for more information: <http://www.depts.ttu.edu/formertech/>. School of Law students must contact the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs to discuss the process of returning to school.

2. Involuntary Withdrawals

- a. When a student poses a direct threat to the health or safety of others, and the direct threat cannot be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level through the provision of

reasonable accommodations where required, a student may be involuntarily withdrawn from the University.

- b. Notice
Notice regarding students who may be direct threats (both self-reports and third-party reports) should be made to the Office of the Dean of Students or designee.
- c. A “direct threat” means
 - There is a high probability (not just a slightly increased, speculative, or remote risk)
 - of substantial harm
 - Based on observation of a student’s conduct, actions, and statements.
- e. The Dean of Students or designee will review the information presented in the notice, including what attempts, if any, have been made to reduce or eliminate the direct threat, such as the student’s voluntary compliance with medical or counseling assistance.
- f. The Dean of Students or designee will notify the student of the concern.
- g. The Dean of Students or designee will request a meeting with the student to inform the student that an initial individualized, objective assessment will be scheduled in order to determine whether the student poses a direct threat to him/herself or others. The meeting may include, but is not limited to discussion of:
 - Involvement of parents or significant others;
 - Academic progress;
 - Living arrangements;
 - Previously granted accommodations;
 - Confidentiality waivers;
 - Other possible accommodations, care and support resources including medical or counseling assistance; and
 - Withdrawal implications such as financial aid, health insurance, visas, and academic timelines.

If the student does not respond to the request for a meeting or does not attend the meeting, written notice of the pending assessment will be sent via certified mail to the student’s last known official, local address as provided by the student to the Registrar’s Office and/or electronically to the student’s University email account. Students not responding to requests for meetings or assessments may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct for allegations of failure to comply with reasonable directives and/or requests of a University official acting in the performance of their duties. During the involuntary withdrawal process, if the Vice Provost for Student Affairs or designee determines that an immediate direct threat exists against others or an overt disruption of the campus community has occurred, the student may be temporarily suspended pending a final decision on the involuntary withdrawal as long as the student has received notice of the concern, and had an opportunity to address the concern, and the student is afforded a Hearing and right to appeal the final decision. During a temporary suspension, the student may not attend classes, use University services and/or resources (except those expressly permitted by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs or designee), and may not be on campus until the proceedings have been resolved. If the student needs to return to

campus, the visit must be coordinated through the Vice Provost for Student Affairs or designee and the Texas Tech Police Department.

h. Involuntary Withdrawal Assessment

An individualized, objective assessment will be completed to determine whether a direct threat exists, and if so, whether the student should be permitted to remain enrolled at the University.

The assessment will be based in part on reasonable medical judgment, using current medical knowledge, or the best available objective information, to assess the student's ability to safely participate in the University's programs. Additionally, the assessment may include but not limited to information related to the student's threat to self or others, non-compliance with University requirements or expectations, and/or lack of Academic progress. Students with disabilities have the right to have their disability considered during the Committee's review. However, the student must adhere to all academic requirements and technical standards set forth by their department or college. The student must be able to meet the requirements with or without accommodations for their disability. The assessment will be in the form of a written report containing the findings and recommendations of the medical and other professionals performing the assessment.

Within five (5) University working days from the initial meeting with the student or five University working days from the date of notice regarding the meeting, the student will be scheduled for an assessment with a medical doctor, a licensed counseling or clinical psychologist, and other professionals as appropriate. If applicable, this assessment would include a psychiatrist from Student Health Services and a psychologist from the Student Counseling Center. The student may provide information from other medical professionals as part of the assessment.

If a student elects not to participate in this assessment, the process will continue with the information that is otherwise available to consider.

The assessment will determine:

- The nature, duration, and severity of the risk;
- The probability that the potentially threatening injury will actually occur; and
- Whether reasonable modifications of policies, practices, or procedures will sufficiently mitigate the risk.

i. Involuntary Withdrawal Committee

The assessment report will be forwarded to the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee for review.

The Involuntary Withdrawal Committee is comprised of the following voting members: the student's Associate Academic Dean, Director of the Student Counseling Center, Medical Director of Student Health Services, Director of Student Disability Services, and Dean of Students. If the student resides in campus housing, the Director of Student Housing will also serve as a voting member of the committee. The Dean of Students or designee will chair the committee. If the student is a law student, the Associate Dean for Student Life will also serve as a voting member of the committee. A non-voting resource person may be assigned from the Vice Provost for Student Affairs to present information

and assist the committee. The Involuntary University Withdrawal Committee will meet with the student in an informal, non-adversarial Hearing to review the information collected throughout the process, and discuss the assessment with the student. The student will be permitted an opportunity to address the evidence being considered by the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee.

The Hearing will be scheduled by the Office of the Dean of Students within five (5) University working days of the completion of the individualized assessment. The student will be provided the information to be considered at the Hearing by the Dean of Students in advance of the Hearing. The student may elect to attend the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee Hearing and present information on their behalf. The student may be accompanied by one or more advisors. A non-voting resource person will present information and act as a recorder for the committee. When deliberating a decision, the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee will meet in closed session with only voting members and the resource person present. Following the Hearing, the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee will recommend one of the following:

- the student may remain enrolled at the University with no restrictions;
- the student may remain enrolled at the University subject to specific conditions and/or restrictions as defined by the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee; or
- The student should be involuntarily withdrawn from the University upon a specific date.

j. Review of Committee Recommendation

The Dean of Students or designee will notify the student in writing of the decision within five University working days.

k. Appeals Process

The student may appeal the decision of the Dean of Students or designee by submitting a written appeal to the Vice Provost for Student Affairs within five (5) University working days. The student will be notified in writing of the final decision within five (5) University working days of receipt of the appeal.

l. Final Decision

Upon completion of the appeal process or with no receipt of an appeal, the student who is involuntarily withdrawn may not attend class or use University facilities, must vacate University housing within 48 hours and may not return to campus unless approved by the Vice Provost for Student Affairs. Referrals will be made for the student upon request to appropriate community resources, i.e. medical care and housing. The student may be entitled to refunds of prorated tuition, fees, and room and board charges as a result of involuntary withdrawal. A registration hold will be placed on the student's record at the direction of the Dean of Students or designee, limiting any subsequent registration until approval is given by the Dean of Students or designee.

m. Eligibility for Readmission

Students are eligible for consideration of readmission following an involuntary withdrawal after one calendar year. At that time, the student should present documentation to the Office of the Dean of Students for review. Documentation may include, but it is not limited to, current psychological evaluation, demonstration of

ongoing medical care, and a plan for care upon re-enrollment. The documentation shall be presented to the Involuntary Withdrawal Committee for recommendation to the Dean of Students or designee. Readmission requests and documentation must be presented by February 1 for summer enrollment, May 1 for fall enrollment, and October 1 for spring enrollment. Readmission will be contingent upon demonstration or documentation that the student is no longer a direct threat, and upon meeting admission deadlines and requirements.